THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, 29 exploration blocks have been awarded so far in KG Basin to various Indian and foreign companies, either alone or in consortium with other companies.

As a result of exploration activities, as of now, 21 gas discoveries have been made in these blocks in KG Basin out of which gas inplace reserves in 4 discoveries have been established to the tune of 396 BCM. The development plans of two discoveries have been finalised. Other discoveries are at various stages of appraisal/evaluation by the operators.

**Historical temples in Uttarakhand**

†*580. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount being spent for the preservation of various historical temples in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether any special plan has been formulated for the preservation of the group of temples situated in Dwarahat in the state; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Details of expenditure incurred for the preservation and conservation of centrally protected temples in the state of Uttarakhand for the last three years is as follows:

| Year | Expenditure incurred |
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| 2004-05 | Rs. 105.88 lakhs |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 104.78 lakhs |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 122.50 lakhs |

(b) and (c) Conservation of the group of temples situated in Dwarahat is included in the Annual Conservation Programme of Dehradun Circle for 2007-08. A provision of Rs. 26.50 lakhs has been made for this purpose in the current year's allocation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.